

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 14, line 1 with the following rewritten version:

ABSTRACT

~~It is an object of the present invention to resolve problems resulting from removing a nut, pulling a pipe and a sleeve out from a joint main body, and then using these items to rejoin the pipe, that is, to resolve the problems of not being able to ensure airtightness or pressure resistance.~~ The A joint according to the present invention comprises includes a joint main body, (1) having a joining hole (50) and an external threaded part (58), as well as a sleeve (3) and a nut (2). The joint main body has a joining hole and an external threaded part. The nut (2) is screwed threaded onto the external threaded part (58) in a threaded state in which the pipe (10) and the sleeve (3) are inserted through the joining hole, (50), and is used ~~to join~~ The nut joins the pipe (10) to the joining hole (50) via the sleeve (3). The sleeve (3) is tightly fitted to the pipe (10) and the joint main body (1) by the screwing threading of the nut (2), and is cut off through a linking part (32) that links a sleeve main body (31) and a separating part (33). The sleeve (3) can no longer join the pipe (10) to the joining hole (50) after the nut (2) is removed and the pipe (10) and the sleeve (3) are pulled out from the joining hole (50).